

REMARKS

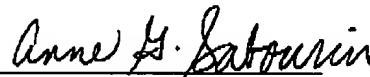
After entry of the above amendments, the claims pending in the subject application are 1, 3-12 and 20-28. Claims 2 and 13-19 are canceled without prejudice.

The office action stated that in view of the Appeal Brief filed on 11/05/2004, prosecution was reopened. Claims 1, 3-10, 12 and 21-28 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Lilja et al. (US 5,188,808). Claim 11 was rejected on the basis of 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Lilja et al. as applied to claim 1 and further in view of GB 1,358,157.

Claims 2 and 20 were objected to as being dependent on upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended the claims to rewrite claims 2 and 20 in independent format and to include the limitations of the intervening claims. Claims 3-12 depend from amended claim 1. Claims 21-28 depend from amended claim 20. In view of the amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 1, 3-12, and 20-28. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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